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SUBJECT: 27TH IGC/WFP, MARCH 17-25, ROME

PASS FFP AND EMS/USDA

1. COMMITTEE HELD NO DISCUSSION ON ITEM 6 (A) BUT WAS INFORMED SECRETARIAT PREPARING PAPERS FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AS PART OF AN INTER-AGENCY DOCUMENT ON FOLLOW-UP TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS 5, 15, 18, 19 AND 22. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY SECRETARIAT ADVISED THAT \$24.9 MILLION FROM UNEO SPECIAL ACCOUNT HAD BEEN USED TO PURCHASE FOOD IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR THROUGH WFP AND \$6.4 MILLION WAS ALLOCATED TO TRANSPORT FOOD TO ONE COUNTRY.

2. LONG DEBATE DID OCCUR ON 6(B). CONCLUSION WAS REMOVE DOLLAR FIGURE FROM REGULATIONS ON AMOUNT FUNDS SET ASIDE ANNUALLY FOR EMERGENCIES. IGC WILL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE THIS AMOUNT. A SWEDISH PROPOSAL TO SET FIGURE AT 20 PERCENT ANNUALLY WAS STRONGLY RESISTED BY SECRETARIAT (WOULD CHANGE CHARACTER OF PROGRAM, COMPLICATE PROGRAMMING, ETC.) AND MANY MEMBERS. SWEDEN ACCEPTED FACT ITS PROPOSAL (WHICH ONLY TUNISIA SUPPORTED) DID NOT GAIN COMMITTEE PAPPROVAL BUT ASKED THAT REPORT REFLECT GENERAL FEELING RE INCREASED ATTENTION TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.

3. UNDER 6(B) COMMITTEE ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT USE OF ARABIC
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AS WORKING LANGUAGE FOR LIMITED PURPOSES. IT ALSO NOTED AMEND-

MENT MADE BY FAO COUNCIL AND ENDORSED BY ECOSOC RE COMMITTEES
EARLIER RECOMMENDATION (26TH SESSION) FOR AN AD HOC AUTHORIZATION
PERMITTING WFP EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR
ALIEN DOMINATION. UNDER THIS SUB-ITEM COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED
INCREASE TO \$40 MILLION ON AD HOC BASIS, EMERGENCY ALLOCATION
FOR 1975. SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT AND PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTED
FACT ITS PROPOSAL NOT RELEATED IN ANY WAY TO PERCENTAGE OF
RESOURCES.

4. WITH REGARD ITEM 6(C), SECRETARIAT REPORTED ON IMPLICATIONS
ON WFP NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND PROGRAM OF ACTION
AS REFLECTED RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI). IN EFFECT
WFP STATED THAT IT ALREADY HAS RE-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES BECAUSE
OF THE EARLIER TIGHT RESOURCE SITUATION AND CALLED ATTENTION
TO CONCENTRATION ON NEW PROJECTS FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND
MSA NATIONS AS SHOWN BY PROJECT APPROVALS DURING SESSION.
THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE POLICY GUIDELINES SUGGEST BY THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PARA 9(A), (B), (C), IGC/27/6C).
DELEGATION OF SWEDEN (SUPPORTED BY TUNISIA) PROPOSED NEW SUB
ITEM (D) ON INCREASED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE BUT THIS WAS NOT
ADOPTED.VOLPE

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